THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE ANSWER.
...IN OTHER NEWS, TENSIONS ARE HIGH AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH THE EMERGENCE--OR BETTER YET, THE RE-EMERGENCE--OF A TEAM OF GONE, BUT DEFINITELY NOT FORGOTTEN, SUPER HEROES: THE NEW WARRIORS.
MARLENE STANSFIELD
BUT IT WAS SIMPLE MATH.
WHETHER THIS SUPER-GROUP IS ACTUALLY THE INFAMOUS TEAM OF OLD OR AN ENTIRELY NEW ONE, HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED.
A LINEAR EQUATION WHERE Y = MX + B.
AS YOU KNOW, THE ORIGINAL NEW WARRIORS WERE A GROUP OF SUPER-POWERED TEENAGERS WHO WERE KILLED IN THE TRAGEDY AT STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, RESULTING IN THE SLAUGHTER OF 612 CIVILIANS.
THEIR DEATHS AT THE HANDS OF THE SUPER-VILLAIN NITRO TOUCHED OFF A FIRESTORM OF PUBLIC OUTCRY THAT LED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT.
NEW WARRIORS KILLERS?
MARLENE STANSFIELD
YOU CHANGE THE VALUE OF "X"...
WHICH, IN TURN, PRECIPITATED THE SO-CALLED CIVIL WAR AMONGST THE COUNTRY'S SUPERHUMAN COMMUNITY. THE CONFLICT RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE, DESTRUCTION AND, ULTIMATELY, THE DEATH OF THE LEADER OF THE ANTI-REGISTRATION MOVEMENT, CAPTAIN AMERICA.

...YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE CHANGE OF "Y".
THIS IS OUR FIRST PICTURE OF A NEW WARRIORS TEAM MEMBER. A YOUNG WOMAN OF INCREDIBLE STRENGTH IS SEEN HERE SAVING A SCHOOL BUS FULL OF CHILDREN AT THE SCENE OF A HORRIFIC FREIGHT TRAIN ACCIDENT.
THEY WEREN'T.
NO ONE KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF THE YOUNG WOMAN, BUT BY MOST REPORTS, HER TIMELY ACTIONS SAVED MANY LIVES.
HUH.
THESE KIDS GOT HEART, I'LL GIVE THEM THAT.
WAITAMINUTE.
WHAT?
LOGAN... WHAT'S GOING ON?
DON'T WAIT UP.

APPEARING ROUGHLY A MONTH AGO, THESE YOUNG, UNREGISTERED HEROES HAVE MADE THEIR PRESENCE FELT AROUND THE COUNTRY, APPREHENDING SEVERAL AT-LARGE SUPER-VILLAINS--
--FOILING THREE BANK ROBBERIES, QUELLING A POTENTIAL GANG WAR IN LOS ANGELES, AND EVEN FINDING TIME TO SAVE A CAT OR TWO FROM TREES.
BANK
NO ONE KNOWS WHO THESE VIGILANTES ARE, BUT THEIR CALLING CARD HAS BECAME A SYMBOL THAT'S CAPTURED THE ATTENTION AND IMAGINATION OF YOUTH ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
NEW WARRIORS
THE SCOPE OF THE NEW WARRIORS PHENOMENON IS PERHAPS BEST MEASURED BY A TELLING STATISTIC: THEY ARE THE NUMBER ONE SEARCH TOPIC ON GOOGLE, YAHOO AND MSN.COM.
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FROM TAGGING TO BLOGGING, THEIR MESSAGE IS CLEAR: RESISTANCE.
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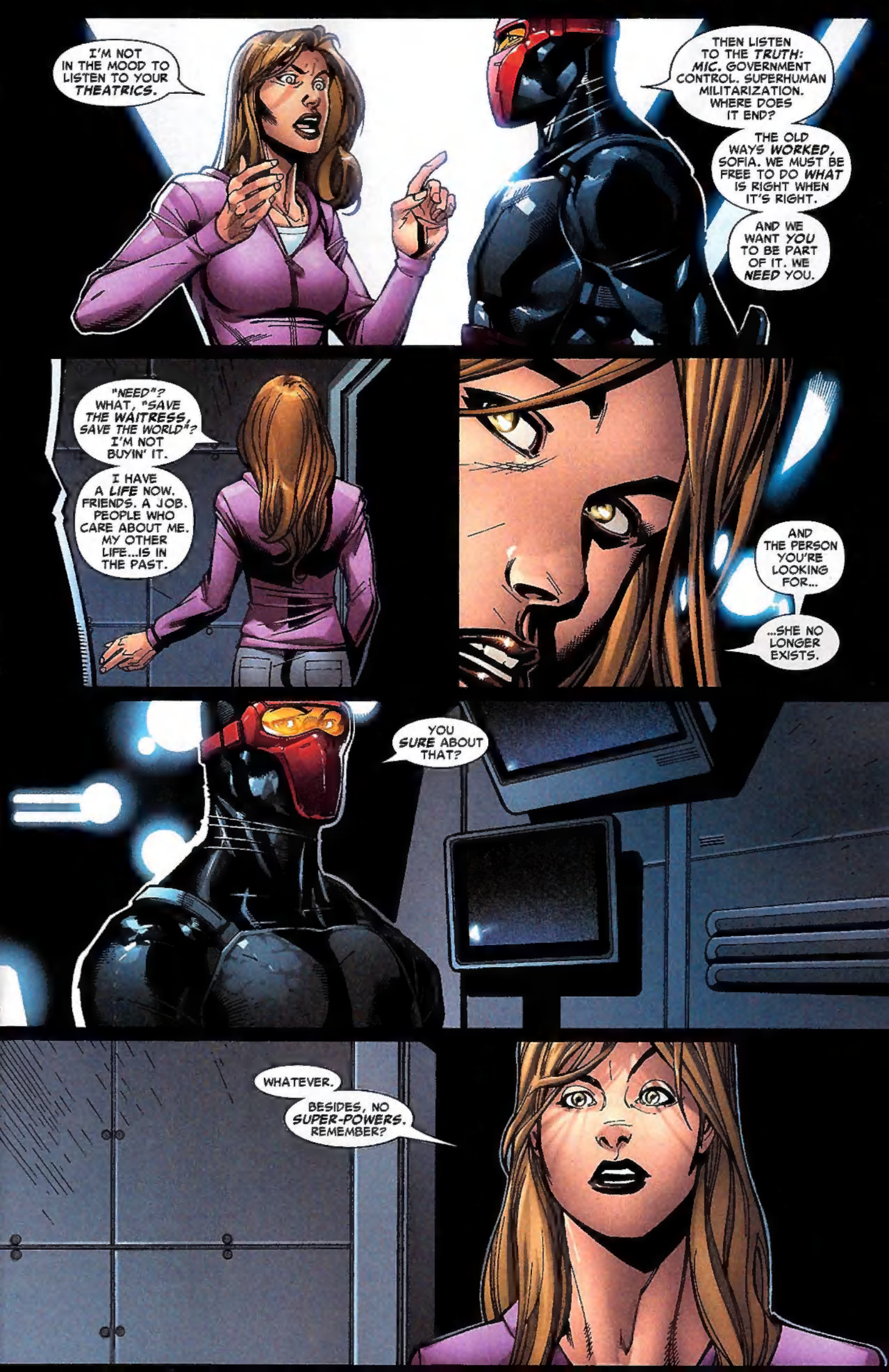
It's AWI

HOW LONG WILL THESE NEW NEW WARRIORS BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE LONG ARM OF AUTHORITY? NO ONE KNOWS.
THIS IS MARLENE STANSFIELD FOR CNN NEWS.
MLIW
THESE KIDS ARE GOING TO GET THEMSELVES KILLED.
OR WORSE: SOMEONE ELSE KILLED.
YOU KNOW HOW KIDS ARE. FADS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE AND BLOW OVER INSIDE OF A SEASON. IN SIX MONTHS, THEY'LL BE INTO SOMETHING ELSE.
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT REALITY TV.
ON TOP OF EVERYTHING, THEY HAVE THE NERVE TO CALL THEMSELVES THE "NEW WARRIORS."
WHAT KIND OF INTEL DO WE HAVE ON THEM?

NOT MUCH. PREVIOUS NEW WARRIORS ARE EITHER DEAD OR ACCOUNTED FOR.
WHO'S NOT ON THOSE LISTS?
HELIX, FIRESTAR, A FEW OTHERS. WE SHOULD START THERE.
AND WE'RE *SURE* NONE OF THE ALLEGED DECEASED HAVE SURVIVED?
AS SURE AS WE *CAN* BE.
TONY. I CAN SEE THE GEARS IN YOUR BRAIN MOVING. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
REMEMBER VITO CORLEONE?
I'LL MAKE THEM AN OFFER THEY CAN'T REFUSE.

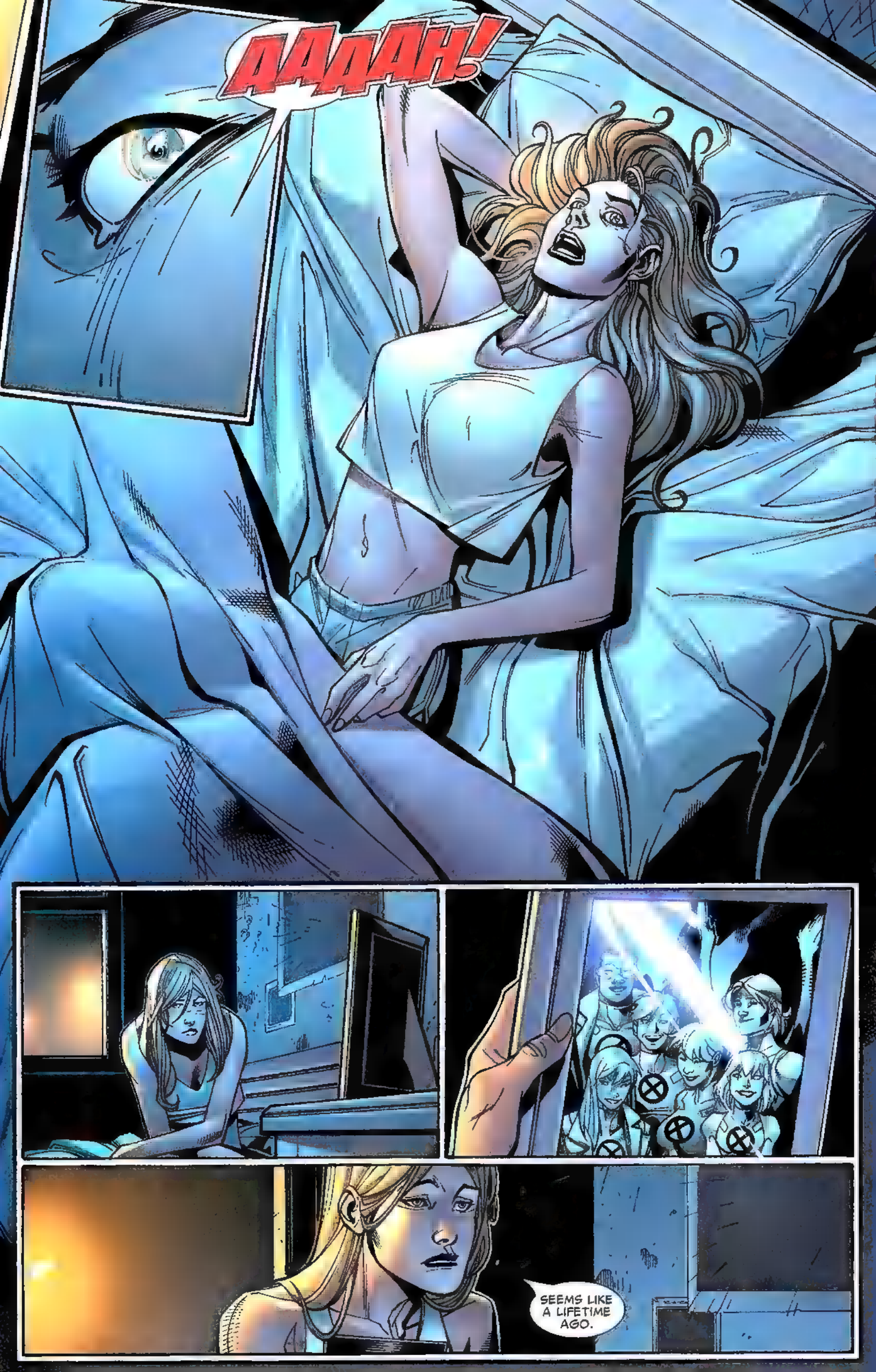
YOU'RE CRAZY!
WHAT?
I AM NOT JOINING YOUR NEW WARRIORS!
EVERY REVOLUTION REQUIRES SOMEONE WITH VISION, SOFIA.
YOU SAW IT WHEN YOU WERE AN X-MAN...
WE SEE IT AS NEW WARRIORS...
THE THREAT OF A BLEAK FUTURE, ONE WITH NO HOPE IN SIGHT.
WE'RE HERE TO CHANGE THAT.


I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO LISTEN TO YOUR THEATRICS.
THEN LISTEN TO THE TRUTH: MIC. GOVERNMENT CONTROL. SUPERHUMAN MILITARIZATION. WHERE DOES IT END?
THE OLD WAYS WORKED, SOFIA. WE MUST BE FREE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT WHEN IT'S RIGHT.
AND WE WANT YOU TO BE PART OF IT. WE NEED YOU.
"NEED"? WHAT, "SAVE THE WAITRESS, SAVE THE WORLD"? I'M NOT BUYIN' IT.
I HAVE A LIFE NOW. FRIENDS. A JOB. PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT ME. MY OTHER LIFE...IS IN THE PAST.
AND THE PERSON YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...
...SHE NO LONGER EXISTS.
YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
WHATEVER.
BESIDES, NO SUPER-POWERS. REMEMBER?

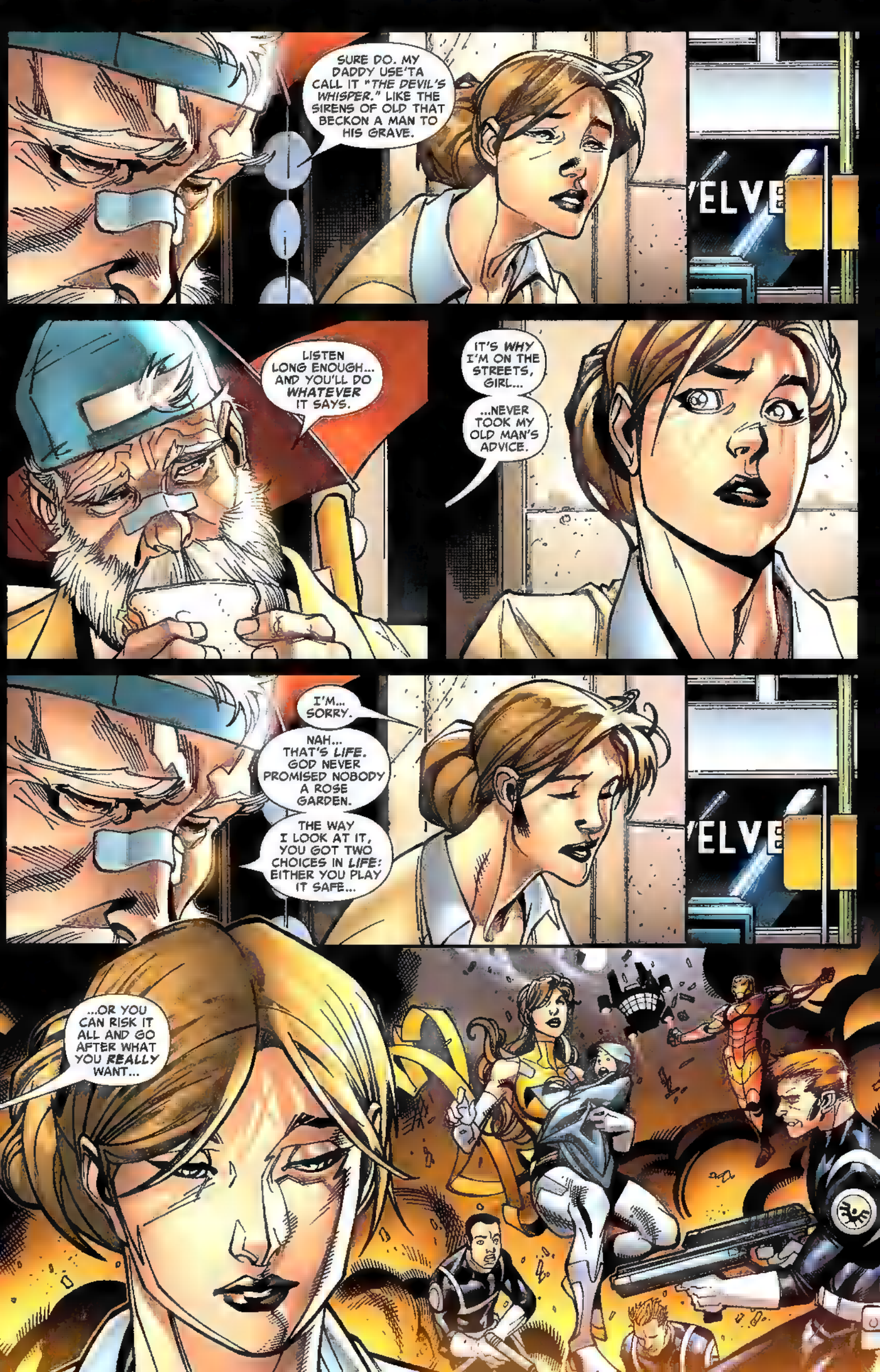
WHAT'S THIS?
YOUR FUTURE.
GET ME OUTTA HERE.

WELL. THAT WENT WELL.
MINOR SETBACK...
LET'S GET BACK TO WORK.

THE NEXT DAY...
CLOCKED ANOTHER VILLAIN. THESE GUYS ARE GOOD.
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN THINKING...
HOW DO WE KNOW THE NEW WARRIORS ARE REALLY DEAD?
YOU MEAN THE OLD TEAM?
THEY WERE AT GROUND ZERO. THEY'RE DEAD.
ARE THEY?
COME ON, BEV...
I'M SERIOUS, HARRY.
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE HEARD THAT ONE OF THESE CAPES OR SUPER-VILLAINS IS DEAD, AND A YEAR LATER THEY POP UP, PRETTY AS YOU PLEASE, ALIVE AND KICKING?
POINT TAKEN.
SO LET'S ASSUME THEY SURVIVED--OR THAT SOME OF THEM SURVIVED. WHY WOULD THEY COME OUT NOW? AND WHY USE THE NAME NEW WARRIORS? YOU'D THINK THEY'D KNOW IT WOULD DRAW TOO MUCH ATTENTION.
MAYBE THAT'S THE POINT.


AAAAH!
SEEMS LIKE A LIFETIME AGO.

HMM...? WUZZAT--?
HEY--MY ANGEL!
CHICKEN SAL ON BLACK, LIGHT ON THE MUSTARD, AND STEAK FRIES. I GOTTA LOOK OUT FOR MY MAN, RIGHT?
YOU AIN'T NEVER LIED.
ALL RIGHT, GIRL-- SPILL IT.
HMM?
DIDN'T GET TO BE OLD BY BEIN' NO FOOL, NOW. WE'S PEOPLE. IF YOUR HEART IS HEAVY, SAM'S YOUR MAN. YOU KNOW THAT.
SAM... EVER HEAR THIS VOICE INSIDE YOU TELLING YOU TO DO SOMETHING, EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW YOU SHOULDN'T?


SURE DO. MY DADDY USE'TA CALL IT "THE DEVIL'S WHISPER." LIKE THE SIRENS OF OLD THAT BECKON A MAN TO HIS GRAVE.
LISTEN LONG ENOUGH... AND YOU'LL DO WHATEVER IT SAYS.
IT'S WHY I'M ON THE STREETS, GIRL...
...NEVER TOOK MY OLD MAN'S ADVICE.
I'M... SORRY.
NAH... THAT'S LIFE. GOD NEVER PROMISED NOBODY A ROSE GARDEN.
THE WAY I LOOK AT IT, YOU GOT TWO CHOICES IN LIFE: EITHER YOU PLAY IT SAFE...
...OR YOU CAN RISK IT ALL AND GO AFTER WHAT YOU REALLY WANT...

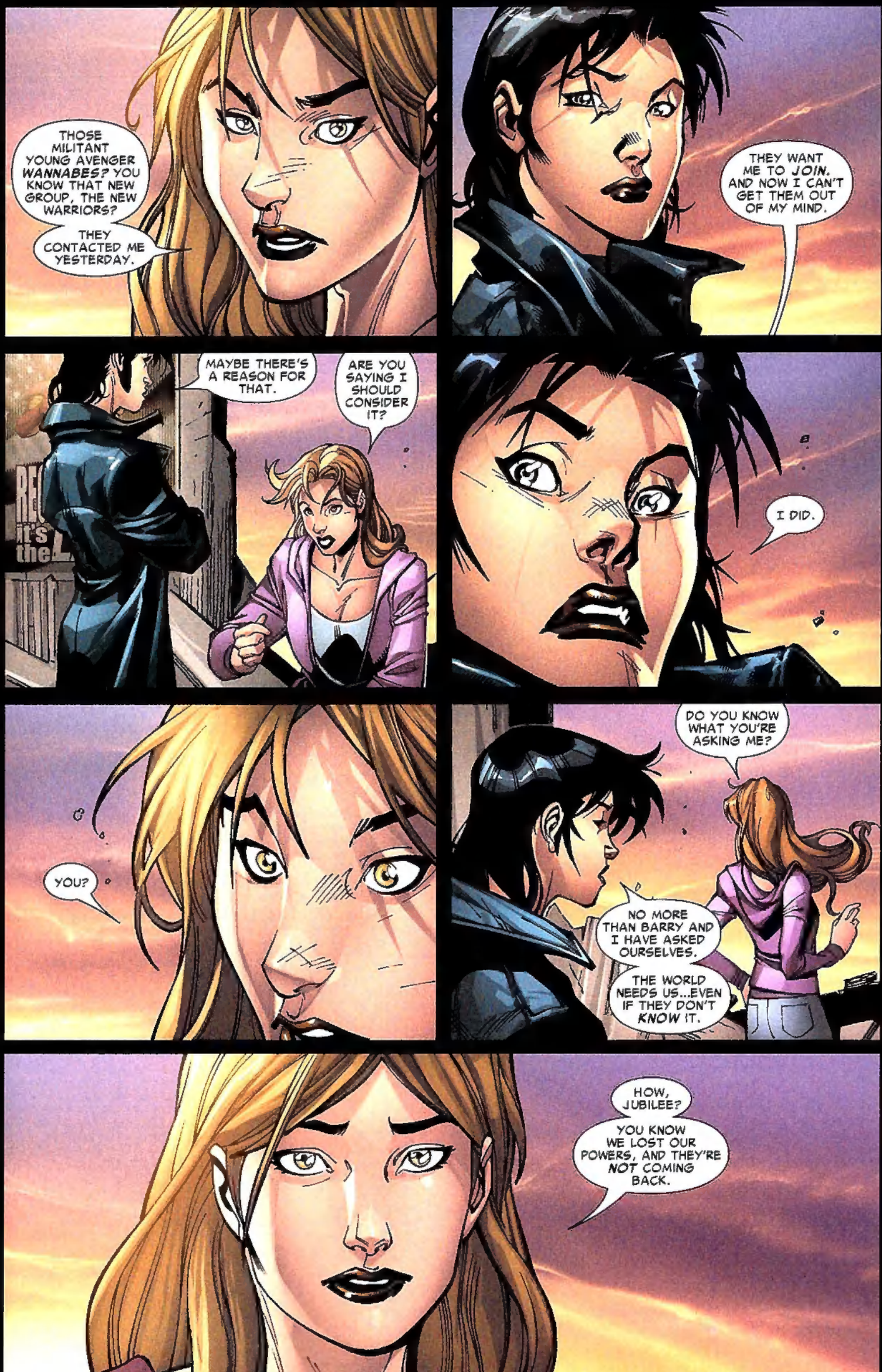
MEANWHILE...
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
THEY'RE KIDS PLAYING AN ADULT GAME. THEY WANT TO ACT LIKE ADULTS, SO BE IT.
TODAY, I'D LIKE TO ISSUE A CHALLENGE TO THE NEW WARRIORS--
WHOEVER AND WHEREVER YOU ARE AND WHATEVER YOU'VE DONE... YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT. YOU'RE GOOD. AND WE NEED MORE KIDS LIKE YOU TO BECOME ROLE MODELS FOR THE YOUTH OF NOT ONLY AMERICA...BUT THE WORLD.
THEREFORE, I AM HEREBY OFFERING YOU COMPLETE AMNESTY AND A CHANCE TO JOIN THE INITIATIVE.
WHAT?
SPLASH
HEY! I JUST BOUGHT THIS SHIRT.

AS OF THIS MOMENT, ALL CHARGES AGAINST YOU WILL BE DROPPED...
SOFIA!
AM I PAYIN' YOU TO WATCH TV OR BUS THESE TABLES?
I WAS JUST--
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT. YOU WERE LATE AGAIN, SO YOU DRAW ALLEY DUTY.
OKAY, OKAY!
I HOPE AL CHOKES ON HIS DAILY SPECIAL...

KLNK
SKTCH
"YOUR FUTURE."
RIGHT.

EL VASCO
FLY!!
AMOK!
KUHL
WHOA.
WHAT A MESS...
JUBILEE?!
LET'S TAKE A WALK.

...THE ONLY THING I HATE IS COMING HOME SMELLING LIKE ONIONS. YOU'D THINK I WAS DATING BOB BIG BOY.
I'M IMPRESSED, SOFIA. NOT ALL OF US EX-MUTANTS HAVE LANDED ON OUR FEET QUITE SO WELL.
WHAT CHOICE DID I HAVE, RIGHT?
REGISTRATION is the LAW!
OH, WHO'M I KIDDING?
I KEEP HAVING THESE DREAMS, AND THESE PHANTOM FEELINGS-- LIKE I STILL HAVE MY POWERS.
WE ALL HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME. THAT'S NORMAL.
THERE'S MORE.


THOSE MILITANT YOUNG AVENGER *WANNABES?* YOU KNOW THAT NEW GROUP, THE NEW WARRIORS?
THEY CONTACTED ME YESTERDAY.
THEY WANT ME TO *JOIN.* AND NOW I CAN'T GET THEM OUT OF MY MIND.
MAYBE THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT.
ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD CONSIDER IT?
I DID.
YOU?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ASKING ME?
NO MORE THAN BARRY AND I HAVE ASKED OURSELVES.
THE WORLD NEEDS US...EVEN IF THEY DON'T *KNOW* IT.
HOW, JUBILEE?
YOU KNOW WE LOST OUR POWERS, AND THEY'RE *NOT* COMING BACK.

OH YEAH, ABOUT THAT--
SMASH!!
THOOM!
NOT A PROBLEM.
TO BE CONTINUED...